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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/699,971	CRAWFORD ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Elizabeth R. MacNeill	3767	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 January 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,6-25,27-33 and 37-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-2, 6-25, 27-33, and 37-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to applicant's amendments and request for continued examination submitted 4 January 2007.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 12 is objected to because of the following informalities: said resilient lever arm has no antecedent basis. Also, if antecedent basis is, added claims 9-12 may be objected to as being substantial equivalents of claims 6-8. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1,2,6,9,13-18,23,25,32,33,37 and 39-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Walker et al (US 4,932,940).

Regarding claims 1,2,9,13-18,23,25,32,33, and 39-43, Walker teaches a syringe assembly comprising a barrel (8), a needle cannula (40), a plunger (30) with stopper (distal end of 30) and thumb pad (proximal end of 30), a shield (6), an urging member (16), a lock lout track (32), an entry track (28), a pin (22), and a lock (34). See Figs 7-11 for the movement of the shield and pin.

3. Claims 1,18,20,21,24,25,27,29, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by D'Alessio et al (US 5,389,085).

Regarding claims 1,18,20,21,24,25,27,29, and 30, D'Alessio teaches a syringe assembly comprising a barrel (81), a needle cannula (55), a plunger (82) with stopper (distal end of 82) and thumb pad (proximal end of 82), a shield (60), an urging member (62), a lock lout track (25), an entry track (22), and a pin (21). D'Alessio shows dual track in Fig 6. It is disclosed that the syringe, barrel, and shield may be made of plastic. The barrel comprises a cylindrical portion (60) which defines the track arrangement (Fig 7) which may be formed unitarily with the barrel.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 6-12 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Walker in view of Berthier (US 5,429,612).

Walker discloses the syringe assembly as above. Walker does not disclose the blocking element comprising an inclined surface which the pin slides over. Berthier discloses a barrel 7, cannula 6, plunger 5, shield 8, urging member 20, pin 26 and one-way step 27.

See Figures 1-3. Berthier also shows an entry track 23 and a lockout track 25/28.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the lockout track and resilient pin of Berthier with the sliding shield arrangement of Walker in order to provide a lockout track which prevents the syringe assembly from being reused and "avoid the accidental rotation of the sleeve to arm the device."

6. Claims 19,22,28, and 31 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over D'Alessio et al (US 5,389,085).

Regarding claims 19,22,28, and 31 it is well known in the art to use glass as a material for a syringe barrel. It would have been within the skill of one of ordinary skill in the art to use glass as the material for the syringe barrel as a matter of obvious design choice.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 6-25, 27-33, and 37-43 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth R. MacNeill whose telephone number is (571)-272-9970. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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